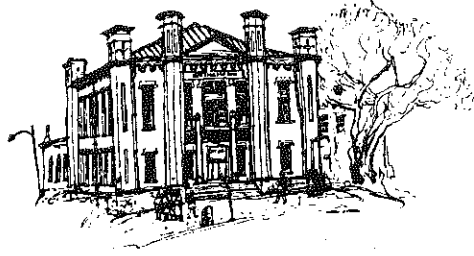


Proclamation



**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

***TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE
NOVEMBER 20, 2015***

- WHEREAS, the City of Northampton recognizes that diversity is an essential feature in our society and something that is cherished in our community; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Northampton in 2005 added protection of gender identity and expression to our City ordinances; and
- WHEREAS, the American Psychiatric Association's manual of mental disorders updated its old classification of trans people under a medical condition "gender dysphoria;" and
- WHEREAS, while we celebrate such long-fought victories, it is crucial to note that we have a long way to go toward full equality for all; and
- WHEREAS, over the last decade, more than one person per month has died due to transgender-based hate or prejudice, regardless of any other factors in their lives; and
- WHEREAS, we join together today to remember all transgender people who have been pushed to suicide, or have been the victims of violence, or do not feel safe enough to come out publicly, or do not experience the full equality and justice that other citizens enjoy.

**NOW,
THEREFORE,** I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, hereby do proclaim today as

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

in the City of Northampton. Let us fight hatred and phobia in every form and vow to better protect the rights of our transgender fellow citizens to live life fully, productively and without fear.

**In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand and
affixed the seal of the City of Northampton.**




MAYOR DAVID J. NARKEWICZ